

January 20, 2010

The regular meeting of the Rules and City Government Committee was held on Thursday, January 20, 2010 in City Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order by Alderman Arnett at 5:10 p.m.

Present on roll call: Alderman Arnett, Alderman Israel and Alderwoman Hoyle
Also present: Alderman Kirby

Business before the committee:

O-24-10 Convenience Store Hours (this item is back on the agenda because some members of the public did not get notification of the previous meeting)

Ellen Valentino-Benitez, representing the 7-11 Corporation, spoke in opposition to the legislation. Ms. Valentine spoke about the process that 7-11 has gone through to work with the community.

Jeff Zelmer, Maryland Retail Association, spoke in opposition to the legislation. Mr. Zelmer pointed out the potential job loss and loss of convenience for shift workers in the community if the legislation was enacted.

Dirk Geratz, 44 Lafayette Ave, spoke in favor of the legislation (as amended by the Planning Commission).

Alderman Arnett inquired if the planning commission amendments were adopted then would 24 hour establishments become a special exception or would it disallow 24 hour stores completely.

Whitney Chellis, 18 Lafayette Ave, spoke in support of the legislation (as amended by the Planning Commission).

Alderman Kirby spoke about his concerns with the legislation.

Alderman Israel stated that he is amenable to the changes proposed by the Planning Commission.

Alderman Arnett discussed the legislation and how it could be rewritten to suit the needs of all involved.

- **Alderwoman Hoyle moved to reconsider the vote (from the last meeting). Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.**
- **Alderwoman Hoyle moved to report unfavorably. Seconded. CARRIED**
Arnett yes, Hoyle yes. Israel no.

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R-1-11 Annapolis Governmental Structure and Charter Revision Commission

- **Alderman Arnett moved to amend the legislation to change the number of members from 5 to 9. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.**
- **Alderman Arnett moved to recommend the legislation as amended. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.**

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 5:52 PM

Hilary Roggio Raftovich
Standing Committee Clerk